

Call for Nominations to the Executive Committee of the ExoPAG

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Dear Colleagues:

The Astrophysics Division of NASA's Science Mission Directorate is pleased to issue this open call for nominations to serve on the Executive Committee (EC) of NASA's Exoplanet Exploration Program Analysis Group (ExoPAG). In the coming months, NASA anticipates making several new appointments to the ExoPAG EC, replacing three current members of the committee who have reached the end of their terms. New appointments will start in the Spring of 2026 and will be for a period of three years.

NASA's Exoplanet Exploration Program (ExEP, <https://science.nasa.gov/astrophysics/programs/exep/>) is the NASA program office that serves as the focal point for exoplanet science and technology, and devises strategies to help NASA achieve its goals in the area of exoplanet science. The ExoPAG is an open, interdisciplinary forum that provides a way for the scientific community to give input to ExEP, and for conducting analyses in support of ExEP science objectives and their implications for planning and prioritization of Program activities. The Chair works with a volunteer Executive Committee, whose membership is chosen to reflect the broad range of scientific disciplines and interests represented in the exoplanet field, spanning Astrophysics, Planetary Science, Heliophysics, and Earth Science. Together, the ExoPAG Chair and Executive Committee are responsible for capturing and organizing community input, overseeing ExoPAG analyses, reporting ExoPAG findings and inputs to the Astrophysics Division Director, and keeping the scientific community apprised of ongoing activities and opportunities within ExEP. Detailed information about the structure and function of the ExoPAG, including the current and past membership of the EC, can be found at <https://science.nasa.gov/astrophysics/programs/exep/exopag/>.

Nominations for the ExoPAG EC should be submitted via email to the address: joshua.a.pepper@nasa.gov. Nominations must include both a cover letter and a one-page CV summarizing the nominee's relevant background. The cover letter should provide a description of the nominee's area of expertise, qualifications for service, commitment to NASA's core values, and anticipated contributions to the ExoPAG Executive Committee. Nominations will only be accepted for scientists who are employed at a U.S. institution for the period of the service. There are no citizenship restrictions. Nominations from individuals at academic institutions—university, college, or non-NASA research laboratory—are strongly encouraged. Self-nominations are welcome and treated equally as external nominations. The deadline for nominations is **February 27, 2026**, with announcement of selections anticipated in Spring of 2026. Selections will be announced by the ExoPAG mailing list:

<https://science.nasa.gov/astrophysics/programs/exep/exopag/executive-committee-membership/announcement-mailing-list/>

We look forward to working with all of our stakeholders to develop a robust and compelling Exoplanet Exploration Program.

Sincerely,

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